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Brannigan Honored by the Lodging Association of the Florida Keys and Key West

KEY WEST, Fla. – February 18, 2010 – Jane Brannigan, concierge supervisor at The Westin Key West Resort & Marina, was recently honored with the 2009 Associate of the Year award from the Lodging Association of the Florida Keys and Key West.

“What makes Jane so valuable in the hospitality field is her knack for making people feel special and adding zest to their vacations,” said Diane Schmidt, general manager of The Westin Key West Resort & Marina. “She knows how to relate to people so well that they each feel like they are her first priority. She can also turn on the charm to make the most difficult visitor her best friend.”

Brannigan has worked at The Westin Key West Resort & Marina for over 10 years and outside of work she thrives on her involvement with the Silverliners.

The Westin Key West Resort & Marina has a history of employees honored by the Lodging Association. Bartender Jimmy Magee won the same award in 2008. Magee is best known for his famous “Green Thing” beverage, which was featured on NBC’s Today Show, and his knack for creating the perfect mojito.



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